



St Lawrence Jewry

February 2020 Newsletter

St Lawrence Jewry is the church on Guildhall Yard, dedicated to bringing the light of Christ to the City of London.

Dear Friends,

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Romans 5:3-4

After persevering over the manic December rush, we welcome the calmness of January and February. Another year, another opportunity for us to bring the light of Christ to the City of London.

Services

Our Holy Communion service every Wednesday at 8:30am and every Friday at 1:15pm resumed after a short break during Christmas. We welcome everyone to join us in these services.

The Plow Monday Service on 13th Monday, a tradition in the City of London to start the new year, was focused on the Visitor Development Department. The service was graced by the presence of the Lord Mayor.

Music

Just like our services, our recital series also had a short break. It resumed on Monday 6th January. To see February's programmes, please visit our [Piano](#) and [Organ](#) webpage.

February is also the start of our School Organ Series. This is a wonderful opportunity, overseen by Catherine Ennis, to allow some of the young organist who are growing in skill and confidence a platform on our amazing organ. They always love coming and we see it as a vital part of our work to support the future of organ playing in this country. Thanks to Catherine for pulling the series together and to all the teachers and pupils who will come to play. We have expanded the series this year and we have over 20 pupils from 10 schools. This is an amazing statistic. To see its complete programmes, please visit our [School Organ 2020](#) webpage.

Waitangi Day Service

The New Zealand Society UK will once again hold their Waitangi Day Service in the church on Thursday 6th February, with the Bishop of Ripon, Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, and Archdeacon of Canterbury, Ven. Jo Kelly-Moore, Honorary Chaplain to the NZ Society, helping David to lead the service. Waitangi Day is a public holiday in New Zealand held each year on 6th February to celebrate the signing of Te Tiriti or the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document, on that date in 1840. After the service they will be treated to the traditional hospitality of Girdlers' Hall. For tickets, please visit [New Zealand Society UK](#) website.

Wedding

February is known to be the month of Love. So, it is just fitting that we will have our first wedding of 2020 on Friday 21st February at 3pm. Please include Hugo Hadcock and Georgina Maudsley as they prepare for their special day.

Christmas Appeal Bibles for Rwanda Update

We would like to thank everyone who has given their generous donation to provide bibles to our Christian brothers and sisters in Rwanda during our Christmas Appeal. We raised £1,000 towards this worthy cause. Thank you for spreading the Word of God in Rwanda.

Crowding Fund for our Grand Piano Restoration Project

Our Steinway grand piano has been a critical part in our Music Ministry of providing a venue for budding artists to showcase their talents/skills in front of an appreciative audience. In fact, our weekly lunchtime recital series have the highest audience numbers among the city churches. The piano was made in 1926 and was originally owned by Sir Thomas Beecham. Although we do our best to keep it in good-working condition, it now needs a major restoration to put it back to the international playing standard. We need £8,625 to make this happen. Please support us in this endeavour by donating through our [SpaceHive](#) webpage.

Other fundraising activities

If you're booking a holiday soon, please remember to use #easyfundraising. You could raise over £120 for us when you book package holidays, flights, hotels, travel insurance, airport parking, toiletries or anything else you'll be buying for your break! THIS IS FREE MONEY FOR US! Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!! Sign-up using our [unique link](#) and search for St Lawrence Jewry Church London.

Refer a friend using this [link](#) and raise another £5 every time someone successfully join and raises £5 as a supporter.

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Please don't forget that we also collect used stamps to raise fund for our church. Please drop them off to the church office and we will do the rest.

Online / Contactless Donation



We are trying to be scarily high tech and whizzy here at SLJ!

We have created a QR Code to make it easy for people to donate to the church using their mobile phone or tablet. Simply download a QR reader app and scan the QR code. This will lead you directly to our Give.net donation webpage where you can make your donation online. We will include this QR code in our printed publication.

You can also now donate using a contactless terminal in the church. You will find our contactless card reader by the donation box at the entrance of the main church. Specially designed collection plates will also be used for contactless giving during services.

But if all that is just not you, we still take cash!

Advance Notice

Spital Sermon – 5th March 2020 at 12:00pm. The preacher will be The Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon. Lord Chartres GVC0, former Bishop of London. We will also be joined that day by members of the City Livery Club who are exploring City traditions.

Handel's Messiah Concert – Saturday 14th March at 6pm

JPM Symphony Orchestra Concert – Friday 27th March at 7pm

Heavenly Humour



God bless you all.

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